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I am writing to urge you to ban the use of antibiotics in cattle feed. Feeding antibiotics to livestock endangers the value of those drugs for life-threatening diseases in humans. Although feeding antibiotics to cattle speeds growth and cuts costs, it also increases the prevalence of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics' effects and so jeopardizes human health. Because of this, new drug-resistant strains of bacteria are becoming a serious public-health hazard. Decreasing the use of antibiotics on livestock feed can decrease the prevalence of anti-biotic bacteria and does not adversely affect animal health. For the sake of human health, it is imperative that you ban the use of antibiotics in cattle feed.

Sincerely,

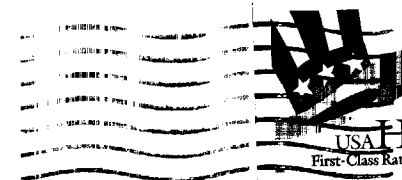
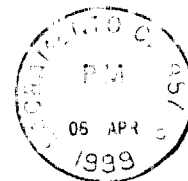
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